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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: ALGERIANS CLOSE 1975 WITH A GROWL

1. SUMMARY: ALGERIAN MEDIA HAVE CALLED FOR OVERTHROW OF MOROCCAN REGIME. CHERKAOUI VISIT DISMISSED AS STALLING TACTIC. ALTHOUGH ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO RABAT HERE ON CONSULTATIONS AND MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO ALGIERS ABSENT AS USUAL, ALGERIANS DENY BBC REPORT THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR AMBASSADORS. POLISARIO APPARENTLY DOES NOT PLAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT THIS TIME. QUADHAFI VISIT TERMED SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. MOROCCAN REGIME MUST GO: ON DEC. 30 OFFICIAL PRESS, FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE FIRST TIME, CALLED FOR OVERTHROW OF MOROCCAN MONARCHY. FINAL PARAGRAPH OF LONG ANALYSIS IN EL MOUDJAHID STATES "HISTORY TEACHES US...THAT WHAT HAS MADE MOROCCO OF TODAY MUST MAKE MOROCCO TOMORROW. THIS IS WHY THE FALL OF MOROCCO MONARCHY IS ORDER OF DAY."

3. POLISARIO: MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED TO PUBLISH
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SUCCESSSES, BOTH IN SAHARA AND BEHIND MOROCCAN LINES.

4. QUADHAFI VISIT: ON DEC. 30 PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR HAMDANI TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT QUADHAFI VISIT HAD BEEN GREAT SUCCESS. HE MADE POINT OF SAYING THAT NEW INSTITUTIONS TO BE CREATED WOULD BE POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC BUT DID NOT BECOME SPECIFIC. SITUATION IN NORTH AFRICA, HE SAID, IS CHANGING IN IMPORTANT RESPECTS AND QUADHAFI VISIT SIGNIFICANT IN LIGHT THIS.

5. CHERKAOUI VISIT: HAMDANI ALSO SAID NOTHING HAD COME OF CALL BY MOROCCAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHERKAOUI ON BOUMEDIENE PREVIOUS DAY. CHERKAOUI HAD BROUGHT ASSURANCES OF GOOD INTENTIONS, THAT WAS ALL. KING HASSAN USES SUCH VISITS MERELY AS STALLING TECHNIQUE, HAMDANI ASSERTED.

6. RECALL OF AMBASSADORS: WE NOTE BBC REPORT DEC. 30 AND 31 THAT MOROCCO AND ALGERIA HAVE WITHDRAWN AMBASSADORS FROM EACH OTHERS CAPITALS. BOTH HAMDANI AND ABERKANE DENIED THAT THIS WAS CASE. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO RABAT IS HERE ON CONSULTATIONS AT MOMENT BUT HAS NOT BEEN WITHDRAWN, OFFICIALS SAID. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO ALGIERS HAS NOT BEEN HERE FOR SOME TIME BUT STILL TECHNICALLY ACCREDITED.

7. POSSIBLE POLISARIO DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IN DEC. 30. HAMDANI SAID THAT POLISARIO DID NOT PLAN TO MAKE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. SUCH MOVE AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PREMATURE, HE SAID.
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